

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

February 28, 2012

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

Steve McFarlin, Mayor
Beverly Garnett, Vice Mayor
Al Halpern, Commissioner
Jim Parent, Commissioner
Marvin Shavlan, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Bonfield, City Manager
Mike Davis, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Steve Hallock, Public Services Director

1. Changes to the Agenda

City Manager Bonfield requested adding three items to the Consent Agenda, Items 4 (g) through (i).

2. Presentations

There were no presentations.

3. Audience Comments

Rosemary Manning, 200 1st Avenue, commented on the placement of the orange barrels in the bike lane and other safety/appearance issues along Gulf Boulevard.

Fran Travinson, 1215 Boca Ciega Avenue, commented on an accident that took place with a tourist falling into a manhole. She asked who is responsible in these situations and also voiced her concern over other manhole safety issues in general.

City Manager Bonfield and Director Hallock agreed to look into the manhole incident further.

4. Consent

- a. Approval of minutes for the City Commission Regular Meeting of February 14, 2012.
- b. Cancellation of the March 13, 2012 City Commission meeting.
- c. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Suntan Arts for use of the City's Don Vista building.
- d. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with Otis Elevator Company in the amount of \$6,984 per year for a three year elevator service maintenance contract.
- e. Approve the request from the Gulf Beach Historical Museum to close 10th Avenue from Gulf Way to Pass-A-Grille Way on 3/3/12 for the Island Festival.
- f. Approve the request from Corey Area Business Association to close the 400 block of Corey Ave on 3/31/12 – 4/1/12, 6/2/12 – 6/3/12 and 12/1/12 – 12/2/12 for the Corey Avenue Art and Craft Shows.
- g. Approval for the Pass-A-Grille Community Church to place a temporary sign on their property recognizing their 100th Anniversary.
- h. Special Event Request: Closure of 20th Avenue between the north/south alleys on March 10th, 2012 from 2:00pm until 6:00pm.
- i. Special Event Request: Closure of 30th Avenue between Sunset Way and the street end on March 4th, 2012 from 2:00pm until 4:30pm.

Commissioner Halpern moved to approve all Consent Agenda Items (a) through (i). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent.

Commissioner Shavlan mentioned that the parking lot for the Lemon Tree and other businesses on the corner of Gulf Boulevard and Corey Avenue is usually blocked off during the Corey Art shows.

The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

5. Action Items

- a. Authorization to release shade meeting transcripts from the mediation in the Kadoura/Pyle cases.

City Attorney Davis explained the release request and recommended that the Commission approve the action item.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Action Item 5(a), to release the shade meeting transcripts in the Kadoura/Pyle cases. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Halpern and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- b. Appointment to the Firefighters' Pension Board of Trustees
- c. Appointment to the General Employees' Pension Board of Trustees
- d. Appointment to the Police Officers' Pension Board of Trustees

Vice Mayor Garnett moved to approve the appointment of Bruno Falkenstein to the Firefighters' Pension Board of Trustees, the appointment of Mike Cohen to the General Employees' Pension Board of Trustees and the appointment of Jerry Gorup to the Police Officers' Pension Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2012-04, Final Reading and Public Hearing, providing for an amendment of the Appendix A Fee Schedule of the Code of Ordinances as set forth in Attachment A pertaining to hourly coin operated parking meter rates.

City Manager Bonfield explained that this ordinance brings all City meters to a cost of \$1.50 per hour.

Vice Mayor Garnett moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2012-04, Final Reading and Public Hearing, an ordinance of the City of St Pete Beach, Florida providing for an amendment of the Appendix A Fee Schedule as referenced in Section 82-205 of the code of ordinances, as set forth in Attachment A to this ordinance pertaining to the hourly coin operated parking meter rates; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shavlan.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

Fran Travinson, 1215 Boca Ciega Avenue, asked if the coin machines only accepted quarters and asked if any free parking is available.

The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

7. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield noted the Runoff Election is Tuesday, March 13th for District #1 and the Commission meeting for that night is cancelled. The Recreation Center's popular senior excursions are underway and interested parties should sign up in advance. Weekend pool hours begin this weekend, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a yard sale at the Community Center on March 10th, 8:00 a.m. to noon. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for the new mosaic mural at the Don Vista building on March 10th at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Bonfield reported that completed projects include the Lido Park exercise equipment, reclaimed water panels and manhole rehabilitation work in Belle Vista. Paving has been completed with the exception of Boca Ciega Drive. He noted that other current projects include the stormwater outfall, seawall repair and several lift stations. Piling work has begun on the Bayway Bridge and there is a public forum with FDOT concerning the bridge work each Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Isla del Sol shopping center. The couplet meeting is scheduled for March 22nd at the Community Center at 6:00 p.m. The next Commission meeting on March 27th will include the installation of the District #1 Commissioner, a few consent items, several inter-local agreements and possibly the annual audit presentation. The award of contract for the stormwater master plan and plans for the 20th Avenue street restoration will also be included on the agenda.

City Attorney Davis gave a brief update on the Anderson case.

Vice Mayor Garnett mentioned the mosaic ribbon cutting ceremony on March 10th and closure of 9th and 10th Avenues on March 3rd. Ms. Garnett thanked Susan Churuti and the City Staff for their work on the Anderson case.

Commissioner Shavlan reported that resident Neil Callahan has offered to show residents how to use the new equipment at Lido Park on Thursday, March 1st at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 10th at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Shavlan suggested that the City may want to compile a list of resident email addresses that can be used for public notifications. Commissioner Parent mentioned that Pinellas County has a similar email notification system in place that residents can sign up for.

Commissioner Parent reported that he will be at the Big C Meeting on February 29th at 9:00 a.m. and that his next roundtable will be held at the library on that evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Parent stated that he was impressed with the manner in which City Manager Bonfield and City Staff handled the Anderson case. The March 'Music in the Afternoon' has outgrown the Boca Ciega Room and has been moved to

the Recreation Center gymnasium. Commissioner Parent recommended that the City post scheduled firework displays on the website. Mr. Parent mentioned that he and his wife are celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary on March 1st.

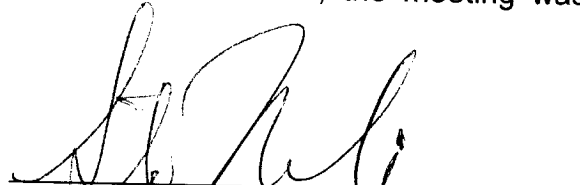
Commissioner Halpern noted that he has a District #1 email database and mentioned that because the March 'Music in the Afternoon' has been moved to a larger facility, there are still reservations available. The March 10th yard sale at the Community Center still has tables available for rent. The food truck event on Corey Avenue on Friday night was a huge success. The Corey Avenue spring sidewalk sale is March 7th – 10th and St. John's Church will sponsor a fish fry each Friday during Lent beginning at 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Mayor McFarlin stressed that the couplet meeting on March 22nd is a very important event and encouraged the community to participate. He welcomed a new business to Gulf Boulevard, Smoking J's BBQ, which is opening on Thursday, March 1st.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 3/27/2012